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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 3, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 7

Members Present: Sen. Patricia Miller, Chair; Sen. Luke Kenley; Sen. Allie Craycraft; Rep. Vern Tinch; Rep. John Day.

Members Absent: Sen. Anita Bowser; Rep. Timothy Brown; Rep. Dean Young.

Senator Miller called the meeting to order.

Rules Oversight Issue

Committee members reviewed information on Indiana administrative rules.¹ Committee members received information on administrative rules oversight for all states.²

Senator Kenley gave a brief explanation of the Administrative Rules Oversight Commission and the issues the Commission addresses. Senator Kenley expressed his concerns regarding the current process of adopting administrative rules. Senator Kenley stated he believes there is a need for legislative oversight in the adoption of administrative rules. He also expressed concern that some state agencies adopt rules only through the emergency rulemaking process.

Karen Davis, General Counsel, Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), stated that FSSA welcomes the opportunity to review the current rulemaking process and that FSSA offers to the committee any support needed to review and revise the current process. Ms. Davis also stated that the rulemaking process needs to be streamlined and could include legislative oversight.

Senator Miller requested that for the next meeting, Legislative Services Agency staff report to the committee members which state agencies only use the emergency rulemaking process. Senator

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Miller also requested that committee members bring to the next meeting options for changing the current rulemaking process.

State Employee/Long-Term Care Insurance Program

Mary Ann Hack, Indiana Long-Term Care Insurance Program, OMPP, provided committee members with general information on long term care, long term care insurance for Indiana state employees, and responses to questions raised by committee members at the July committee meeting.³

Committee members reviewed a memorandum from Alan Gossard, Senior Fiscal Analyst, regarding cost shifting/public benefits of long term care insurance.⁴

County/State Relationship in the Financing of Welfare

Nick Pasyanos, Association of Indiana Counties, provided committee members with information on the use of county funds with regard to the county welfare levy.⁵ Mr. Pasyanos stated that this information was also provided at the Citizen's Commission on Taxes meeting in October 1997.

John Von Arx, Marion County Auditor, stated that the relationship between the state and counties is good. Mr. Von Arx stated that there is an inherent flaw in the financing of welfare programs; the body setting welfare policy is not the same body that is paying the bills for welfare programs. Mr. Von Arx suggested shifting the responsibility of financing to the policy making body.

Jim Hmurovich, Director, Division of Family and Children, provided committee members with an overview of actions taken to manage child welfare costs.⁶ Mr. Hmurovich also provided committee members with information on the preliminary findings of Indiana's welfare reform evaluation and local planning councils.⁷ Senator Kenley stated that he has a concern regarding the local planning councils membership. He stated that he would like to see local planning councils have a more community-based membership rather than a membership of service providers.

HEA 1961-1997

Eric Scroggins, Deputy Director, State Personnel, stated that HEA 1961-1997 addresses the issue of licensing social workers. Mr. Scroggins stated that upon the review of the Health Professions Bureau's proposed rules which assist in the implementation of HEA 1961-1997, approximately 600 state workers are impacted by the proposed rules and the provisions of HEA 1961-1997. Mr. Scroggins stated that under reclassification and the restructuring of duties, approximately 200 state workers will not fall under the licensing requirements of HEA 1961-1997. He stated that 170 state employees will meet HEA 1961-1997 licensure requirements and 193 state employees do not meet the requirements. Mr. Scroggins stated that most of the 193 employees have 10 years or more of experience and based upon performance evaluations these individuals are good employees. Mr. Scroggins expressed concern for the employment future of the 193 employees.

Senator Miller requested that Mr. Scroggins provide the committee members with the classification, job description, and salary ranges for the 193 employees. This information is to be provided to the committee members prior to the next committee meeting.

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Next Meeting Dates and Adjournment

Senator Miller stated that the next meetings of the committee are Tuesday, September 19, 1998, 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 11, 1998, 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business, Senator Miller adjourned the meeting.